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In response to the Office Action mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "PTO") on November 1, 2007, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.